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MAY 10TH, 1898, 7.45 P. M.

The Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church met in convention in response to invitation, in the First United Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. T. H. McMichael, pastor. The meeting opening the Convention was in charge of Mrs. Albert Gordon, Youngstown, O., first vice-president. A voluntary, played by the organist, and an anthem by the choir, was followed by the audience singing No. 46, Bible Songs. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. T. H. McMichael. The theme of Bible study was, The Good Samaritan. Prayers by Mrs. D. S. Littell and Mrs. Giffen. Mrs. Gordon, in a few well-chosen words, introduced Mrs. J. C. Meek, of Spring Hill, Indiana, elected president May, 1897, who gave the address of the evening, entitled, "Overcoming." The roll was called. The pastor welcomed the delegates and visitors to the Convention in the most cordial manner, and invited all to remain to the reception to be held in the church parlors at the close of the meeting. Greetings were received from Mrs. J. C. Warnock, College Corner, Ohio, and the women's missionary societies of Washington, Iowa; Indianola, Iowa; Arkansas Valley Presbyterial; Starkville, Miss.; New Cumberland, W. Va. and the Presbyterial Society of North India. Meeting closed with prayer by Rev. James E. Walker, of East Palestine, Ohio.

GREETINGS:

To Mrs. Mary W. Porter, Secretary of the W. G.M. S

Wishing you a profitable meeting and praying that you may have the guidance of the Holy Spirit in everything, I am, Respectfully,

MRS. J. C. WARNOCK,

College Corner, O., May 10, 1898.

To the Women's General Missionary Society in Convention at Cleveland, O.

We the members of the Women's Missionary Society of First church, Washington, Ia., extend to you our heartiest greetings.

Our prayer is that the Convention will be a great means toward extending the kingdom of Christ. May there be much prayer for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, that the influence of the Convention may be felt throughout our beloved church.

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ, himself, and God even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish

you in every good word and work." 2 Thess. 16-17.

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Women's General Missionary Society, Cleveland, O.

The Ladies' Missionary Society, of Indianola Ia., send greeting. "The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee, (Numbers 6:24,25) and make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." Heb., 13:21.

MRS. W. P. WHITE, Pres.
MRS. OLLIE C. PARK, Sec.

Indianola, Ia., May 9, 1898.

The Arkansas Valley Presbyterial sends greetings to the W. G. M. S. to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, May, 1898.

Our Presbyterial did not feel able to send a delegate to the Convention this year. But we pray God that He may baptize each of you in Convention with His Holy Spirit. The present hour is one of great importance. Our government is expressing her sympathy with, and bearing it to the oppressed and suffering Cubans by the force of the battle ships; and accompanied by the terrors of war.

Many lives are being sacrificed and money spent by the millions of dollars.

Is it not a time for the church to manifest her sympathy for and to bear the Bread of Life to Satan's followers under the white wings of peace. God in His providence has blessed our work richly. The doors are open to us on every hand.

In addition to the fields already occupied, South America presents many open doors. The present war opens the door to Cuba. Let us unite in praying to God that he will direct his many treasurers of gold to consecrate it now, not to the destruction of life, but to the most blessed mission of sending his *waiting message* into these needy fields, with the Gospel of Christ.

May the Lord guide you in all things.

MRS. J. U. HOWE, Pres.,
Wichita, Kansas.
MRS. M. B. WELCH, Sec.
Sterling, Kansas.

Greetings from the Southland to the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the W. G. M. S., of the United Presbyterian church now in session at Cleveland, Ohio.

DEAR SISTERS:—It is our prayer that the Holy Spirit may be with you in His power. We hope to feel the influence of this great convention in the Sunny South. God bless you. Read Isa., 40:31.

Your sisters in Christ,
MRS. MARY E. S. MACKERNON, Pres't L. M. S.

N. B.—We are sending a box of roses and magnolias by express to the convention addressed to Mrs. Findley.

Starkville, Miss.

At a meeting of our Women's Missionary Society Thursday, it was voted to send greetings to the General Missionary Meeting in Cleveland, O. Wishing you, God-speed in all your work for the up-building of the kingdom of our Lord, may He with His spirit preside in all your meetings. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and co-operation in the work.

The members of the Women's Missionary Society of Oakland, W. Va., Frankfort Presbytery.

MRS. MONROE WYLIE, Pres.

New Cumberland, W. Va., May 2, 1898.

ALEDO, ILL., May 6, 1898.

MRS. W. J. Reid, Cleveland, O.

DEAR FRIEND:—Only a day or so ago a letter came to me telling me I was chosen by the Presbyterial society of North India to be their delegate to the Convention at Cleveland. I am sorry the word did not come sooner, that I might have arranged to go. But it is impossible at this late hour. Yet may I send a word of greeting from my dear sisters in the far away land?

"They which sat in darkness have seen a great light," was the watchword sent to you a few years ago. May we repeat it? Our sisters who have been kept down by child-marriage, and all the other heathen practices, have seen in the Sun of Righteonsness their beacon light of hope for even such as they, and now are crying to you for more light. Our Christian sisters of the Indian Presbyterial will meet in Sialkot in April. They cannot report their Thank-offering until that time. Their organization is the only one of its kind in all the empire of India. That worker so well known to so many of our church, Miss Emma Dean Anderson, is President, and Miss Mary A. Lawrence, Secretary. May you remember them in your prayers. They are to have Rev. A. B. Caldwell address the evening service, which is a new departure for their meetings.

With earnest wishes for a fruitful meeting, I am

Yours for India,
MAY H. HOLLIDAY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 9 A. M.

Meeting opened with devotional exercises, in charge of Mrs. H. C. Swearingen, Allegheny, Pa., second vice-president. Subject for Bible study, "With Our Might." Several of the delegates took part in the service, offering short prayers. Closed with singing Bible Songs, No. 183.

The printed programme was presented to the delegates and adopted as the order of proceedings of the Convention.

The President announced the following committees:

NOMINATIONS.

Mrs. James T. McCrory, Monongahela,
Mrs. Mary L. Porter, Des Moines,
Mrs. M. F. McKirahan, Kansas City,
Mrs. J. T. Jamison, Monmouth,
Mrs. D. K. Bryce, Monongahela.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. J. R. Logue, Keokuk,
Mrs. R. C. Finney, Stamford,
Miss Margaret H. Kerr, Freedmen's Mission,
Mrs. E. M. Giffen, Egypt.
Mrs. J. C. Boyd, Monongahela.

CREDENTIALS.

Mrs. Mary W. Porter, Monongahela,
Mrs. M. J. Stevenson, Westmoreland,
Miss E. D. Brown, Monongahela,
Miss Cora McClelland, Lake.

PLACE OF MEETING.

Mrs. W. J. Buchanan, Xenia,
Mrs. G. E. Hawes, Oregon,
Mrs. J. D. Lytle, Indiana,

Mrs. J. D. Sands, Monongahela,
Miss Mary Alda Tate, New York.

MEMORIAL.

Mrs. A. I. Young, Westmoreland,
Mrs. Pressly Thompson, Colorado,
Mrs. Robert Hulton, Detroit,
Mrs. W. W. Lawrence, Allegheny,
Mrs. Sadie White, Southern Illinois.

TELLERS.

Miss Margaret Barnes, Rock Island,
Miss Flora Nelson, Frankfort,
Mrs. James Walker, Cleveland,
Mrs Jean S. Sands, Monongahela,
Miss Anna Allen, Allegheny,
Miss Bertha Caldwell, Chartiers,
Mrs. J. E. Springer, Mansfield,
Miss Lizzie Bailey, Butler.

THANK-OFFERING,

Miss E. J. Sloan, Monongahela,
Mrs. J. D. Fraser, Allegheny,
Mrs. Mattie Wilson, Sidney,
Mrs. Mattie Patterson, Monongahela.

REFERRED REPORTS—FOREIGN, HOME, AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Mrs. Jean S. Sands, Monongahela,
Mrs. A. G. Hastings, Chicago.

FREEDMEN AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

Mrs. R. B. Patton, Xenia,
Mrs. E. C. Little, Chartiers,
Mrs. A. B. Dickey, Mercer.

THANK-OFFERING, JUNIOR, AND LITERATURE.

Mrs. W. H. Anderson, Cedar Rapids,
Mrs. James M. Hamilton, Monongahela,
Mrs. J. E. Wishart, Monongahela.

The report of the secretary of the Women's General Missionary Society read and on motion adopted.

Report of the treasurer of the Women's General Missionary Society read and adopted.

Report of the recording secretary of the Board of Directors of W. G. M. S. read and adopted.

Report of the treasurer of the Board of Directors of W. G. M. S. read and adopted.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Secretary of the Women's General Missionary Society.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—Twelve months have elapsed since the General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church held its fourteenth annual convention at Indianola, Iowa, the memory of which meeting is so vivid and pleasant that it seems but yesterday since we left the beautiful city with its hospitable homes and kind-hearted people. Again we have by invitation met in convention in another beautiful city to report the work of the past year and to lift our voices in prayer and praise to the Lord who hath dealt so kindly with us and blessed our work.

The officers elected at Indianola, May, 1897, were Mrs. M. J. Meek, president; Mrs. Albert Gordon, first vice president; Mrs. H. C. Swearingen, second vice president; Mrs. Mary W. Porter, recording secretary; Miss E. J. Sloan, treasurer. Magazine editorial staff—Mrs. W. C. Hutchison, Mrs. Belle McD. Patterson, editors; Miss Sallie McDowell, secretary; Mrs. S. M. Kelso, treasurer; Mrs. Fannie C. Dean, in chare of Young People's Department. Executive committee, Mrs. J. T. Logue, Mrs. T. B. Crawford and Mrs. R. C. Finley.

The above-named officers accepted the honors and are in active service at this meeting.

The annual reports were mailed early in the spring, and returns have been received from every presbytery except that of India, which has for several years been received among the first. The assistant secretary who compiles the statistical report gives "war with Spain" as the cause for the non-arrival of the report. According to request some changes were made in the blanks sent out this year. Contingent fund was changed to Presbyterial Expense fund, and a column was added in which to report Junior thank-offering. The report as received from 63 presbyteries, composed of 949 societies, 922 of which number are auxiliary and 27 non-auxiliary, representing 23966 members, is as follows:

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Foreign Missions $16,793

Home Missions	7,863
Freedmen's Missions	4.499
Church Extension and Parsonage Fund	1,959
Ministerial Relief	444
District Work	2,307
Congregational Work	18,535
Prcs. Expense Fund	1,132
Orphans' Home	548
Memorial Hospital	382
Aged People's Home	422
Total	$54,884
Number of boxes sent, 507. Estimated value of same,	6.050
Grand Total	$60,934

Number of Women's Missionary Magazines taken, 4,862; Senior Thank-offering reported, $17,248.59; Junior Thank-offering, $823.66; new missionary societies, 19; new Junior missionary societies, 12.

Let us now brush up our arithmetic and compare these figures with the contributions of last year; then all can see where the money goes and in what proportion it goes, and decide for themselves whether or no we are what we call ourselves, and that for which we are organized, a general missionary society for the promotion of the cause of missions in our own and heathen lands.

The increase over last year's contributions for all objects mentioned in the report is $2,589 of which amount $748 represents the increase to the five regular missionary boards of the church—Foreign, Home, Freedmen, Church Extension, Parsonage Fund and Ministerial Relief. The amount is thus distributed: Foreign, $922 increase; Home, $230 increase; Freedmen, $480 increase; Church Extension, $760 decrease; Ministerial Relief, $124 decrease. Of the other departments of work, District work is decreased $593. Contingent fund or, as it is called in this years report, Presbyterial Expense fund, decreased $435; but congregational work looms up with the finest balance of all, $2,996 increase, more than four times the amount of increase in the contribution to the five missionary departments. This is the comparative summary of last year with this year. Take the contributions as reported this year. All must be compared with congregational work, for that department reports $1,742 more than Foreign work; $10,672 more than Home work; $14,036 more than Freedmen's work; $16,576 more than Church Extension and Parsonage; $18,091 more than Ministerial Relief.

In view of these figures are we not in danger of developing into more of an aid society than a missionary society? We recognize that congregational is in a broad sense missionary work and necessary in many localities where the members are few in number and anxious to have a comfortable house of worship. This is to a certain extent right, and is endorsed by this society; but should we encourage such a large percentage of the contributions of the women of the church to be used in this way? As we all know this fund does not go through the hands of the treasurer of the General Missionary Society. Congregations pay these amounts themselves. They are not often itemized, but we know of congregations where the furniture is bought by the missionary society, and if a new table or lamp is needed the missionary society is expected to furnish it. It is of course gratifying to know that the women of our society take such pride and interest in their church homes that they are willing to contribute such large amounts every year for the purpose of properly furnishing and keeping them in repair, but the figures above quoted tell how we can seriously cripple the balance of the general missionary work of the church by devoting such large sums to one department.

The membership of the society steadily increases, 740 additional reported this year. 300 boxes of clothing less than last year, decreasing the estimated value $2015. The Thank-offering reported is that of last year. It will be seen that the amount is not quite as large as that reported by the treasurer, some $300 less. This is accounted for by the fact that some Thank-offerings are sent direct to the treasurer and not reported through the societies. The statement of the treasurer is the correct amount, $17,555.68.

The training schools for missionaries have been in session in Allegheny and Xenia seminaries. Reports of the work will be presented by the chairman of each committee. The recommendation as adopted by the society last year, "That Presbyterial treasurers send the money for the different departments of work as coming from the Presbyterial society and not from Auxiliary societies"

was referred to a committee appointed by the Board, Misses Sloan and Brown, to prepare a circular letter to be sent to the local treasurers. This was done early in the year and met with universal favor. The general treasurer wishes to acknowledge the prompt co-operation of the treasurers and the assistance she has received in her work.

The business of the Magazine Committee having been referred to two from the Magazine Committee and two from the Women's Board, a separate report will be given.

The annual report from India having arrived since the Convention is included in the comparative summary.

The terms of office of Mrs. James A Grier, Mrs. Geo. W. MacDonald, Miss Bessie Lambie, Miss E. D. Brown and Mrs. Mary W. Porter expire with this meeting.

According to custom the Board was reorganized in June, 1897, by the election of officers and department secretaries as follows:

President, Mrs. Annie R. Herron,
1st V Pres., Mrs. Geo. W. McDonald,
2nd V Pres., Mrs. Jas. A. Grier,
Rec. Sec., Mrs. Mary W. Porter,
Asst Rec. Sec,y, Mrs. M. Jennie Stevenson,
Treasurer, Miss E. J. Sloan,
Cor. Sec'y, Foreign work, Mrs. W. J. Reid,
" " Home " Mrs. H. C. Campbell,
" " Freedmen's " Dr. C. Jane Vincent,
Ch. Ex. and Par. work, Mrs. M. M. Patterson,
Thank-offering work, Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter,
Junior Missionary Sec'y, Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson,
Literature Sec'y, Mrs. E. J. McPherson,
Railroad Sec'y, Miss E. D. Brown.
Finance Committee, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Mrs. M. J. Stevenson, Mrs. Geo. W. MacDonald and Miss E. J. Sloan.
Executive Committee, the officers of the Board with the addition of Mrs. E. J. McPherson, Miss E. D. Brown.
Auditor, Mr. A. F. Sawhill.
Attorney at Law, Mr. Wm. Yost.

Mrs. E. J. McPherson at this time holding the position of literature secretary, and visiting in California, notified the Board of her intention to remain in the far West for a time. Accordingly her resignation as Literature secretary and member of the Board was tendered. The resignation of the office was accepted with regret, but the resignation of the membership was declined. Mrs. Jas. A. Grier was elected to fill the vacant place.

Mrs. M. M. Patterson, secretary of Church Extension and Parsonage Fund, resigned the office and also membership on the Board, being physically unable to attend to the duties The resignation of the office was accepted, but that of membership declined. Mrs. Geo. W. MacDonald was elected to the secretaryship of said department.

Mrs. Joseph Kyle, elected a director of the Board at Indianola, Iowa, May, 1897, was only permitted to be with us a short time, her lamented death occurring in October of 1897. Miss Emma Mabon was elected to fill the vacancy in February, 1898.

Eighteen meetings of the Board have been held during the year—11 regular all day meetings, the remainder adjourned or special. The attendance has been good considering the fact that more changes have occurred during the present year than in any single year since the organization of the Board. The work as submitted and condensed for report is as follows:

The foreign work shows that only one new missionary has been sent out this year, Miss Luella Dixon, of Aurora, Ill. Several have returned to former fields of labor. Miss Elizabeth McCahon, who had been in this country at work among the Freedmen for two years, sailed for India September, 1897, and reached her destination safely October 18th, the quickest time ever made by one of our missionaries. The Misses Cynthia and Rosa Wilson returned to their former fields of labor. The great need at present is a medical missionary for India to take the place of the physicians there who have broken down, and are compelled to take much needed rest. The efforts of the foreign secretary to secure a suitable person have not succeeded, and at times she almost despairs of finding a doctor willing to go.

The unsettled state of the salary question and the alarming decrease in contributions to the foreign work this year adds to the anxieties of the case. More workers are needed, and called for, but prudence forbids that any attempt be made to enlarge the work until the contributions warrant sending out additional missionaries. The grant made annually by the government in India could not be given this year on account of the famine in that land. But the

work goes on, the Women's Board supporting all the unmarried women missionaries, including the four medical missionaries numbering in all 37 workers in foreign fields under the care of the Women's General Missionary Society.

HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.

The Home Mission department has at present ten workers. This number includes Rev. J. A. Speer, Warm Springs Agency, Ore., and Rev. J. A. Morrow, Simnasho, Ore. The remainder are ladies working under the care of the pastors of the churches in the several presbyteries in which they are employed. Regular monthly reports are submitted. These are required to be endorsed by the session of the church in which the work is being done. These reports give the number of children in Sabbath-school meetings attended, the number of visits made, etc., etc. Some idea of the busy life these workers lead may be had from reports submitted monthly. As high as 164 visits have been made, besides attending meetings and Sabbath-schools. That these workers are appreciated by the pastors and people with whom they labor, is shown by the letters of praise read by the secretary. When the term of a good home missionary (and we have only first-class ones) is nearing its expiration, often a neighboring congregation seeing the good and efficient work done, will make application for her whole time or a portion of it, as circumstances will permit. The workers in the Indian work are the same as in previous years—Revs. Speer and Morrow.

The Home secretary also has charge of the Ministerial Relief fund. We have very few applications for relief from this fund, but those we have relieved have been persons of most worthy character, and have only made their necessities known to the Board when their own efforts proved hopeless. Long sickness in the family, ending in death, has been borne by some of the applicants for aid from this fund, and the grateful, pathetic letters received by the secretary testify to the appreciation of a little help in a time of need. To give the details of these cases, would be to destroy the purpose for which this fund is maintained, but it is safe to say very few mistakes are made in the distributions of this department.

FREEDMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

The Freedmen's secretary has reported the work on the farm at Prairie as successful. A building has been erected at Camden, Ala., for a school and teachers' home at a cost of $3,717.14. This property is fenced, has a new well and stable. Blinds also furnished by the Board. Regular monthly reports have been received from the industrial departments of Norfolk, Henderson, Chase City, Bluestone, Knoxville, Summerfield, and Athens. The work has been kept up to the usual standard. A visit was made by representatives of the Board in March to the schools of Norfolk, Henderson, Chase City and Bluestone. Your secretary and treasurer comprised this committee, and through the kindness of Mr. McWatters, agent of the Lake Erie R. R. in Pittsburg, the entire trip was made at a cost of about one half the regular rates.

No one merely reading a report of these schools can have any idea of the importance to the colored race. The industrial departments under the care of the Women's Board were the principal objects of interest. In all, good, faithful work was being done. The children as a rule were clean and tidy, and the school rooms and teachers models of neatness. The writer recalls with pleasure one class of little girls 8 to 12 years, seated on low stools, each busy with her work and singing the dialect songs of the South as merrily and happily as only colored children can sing. These children were making articles of clothing suitable for themselves. When finished they were sold at a price made to cover cost of material only. The pupils cut out their own work, and many of us know what it means to cut truly a bias ruffle and make and put it on a child's apron by hand. There were numerous samples of this kind, in the children's classes, and some beautiful garments made by the older girls.

While the little girls do this work, the little boys seem to be left out. Even in the matter of second-hand clothing, the little boys from 5 to 10 years are not thought of, the only reason being that

there is nothing left of a suit of clothes when a white boy gets through with it. In one school the committee counted a class of 50 small boys, bright, smart looking children, all clean, but much of the clothing badly worn. They impressed us as being neglected in this respect. The teachers are very particular to have the work done well. Each class has its own place for keeping the work-bags, each pupil having her own, with her work, thread, needles and thimble in it, ready to begin work, as soon as passed around. All grades of work are taught, from running a plain seam to making a fashionable dress with stiff linings, and modern trimmings. Cooking is also taught, but not to any great extent, though at Norfolk, Va., there is a good building suitable for the purpose. There are some classes at present at Henderson where lessons are given in housekeeping also.

The death of Miss Eliza B. Wallace, of Knoxville college, occasioned sincere sorrow in our Board, where she was loved and honored. Resolutions were adopted by the Board, expressing regard for the memory of this consecrated woman.

Of all the busy secretaries, the present Church Extension secretary has been the busiest the past year. As before noted Mrs. M. M. Patterson, formerly Church Extension secretary, being compelled to resign on account of ill health, Mrs. G. W. McDonald was elected to fill the place. This department is a very responsible one. Every action of the Board in this department gives this secretary important papers to arrange for, deeds to be secured, mortgages to be recorded, notes to arrange for and collect, and also responsibility of expiring insurance policies on the various parsonages and churches under her care. The work during the past year has been unusually heavy. For obvious reasons, names of congregations and amounts of loans are not given in this report.

The Junior Missionary secretary reports monthly; has sent mineograph letters to the Presbyterial Junior secretaries; attended opening meetings of the Junior societies and endeavors to keep an interest in the Junior paper for which the necessary number of subscribers have been secured, but for which enterprise no competent head has as yet been elected, it being the judgment of the Board that the editor-in-chief shall be a member of the Board. The statistics show an increase in societies and members.

Thank-offering secretary makes monthly report of the work and its needs. Has sent out 900 circular letters and has had printed 6000 copies of the Indianola Thank-offering service. Arranges for the buying, receiving and mailing of all orders for this work—leaflets, Thank-offering boxes and envelopes. The increased interest of societies in planning for the annual Thank-offering day in March is seen in the fact that nearly 1800 copies of Responsive Services were ordered from our Thank-offering secretary. The Literature secretary reports monthly of the tracts and leaflets in stock and those needed; keeps a list of those most in demand—those for free distribution and for sale; has entire charge of this department, and is authorized to print any leaflet that may be helpful to the women's work; has also had charge of the sale of minutes of the convention.

The treasurer has made monthly reports of all monies received and disbursements made, and balances in each department of work; has paid the salaries in all departments. The annual report will show the receipts and disbursements of the society.

Regular quarterly reports of the receipts and disbursements of the MAGAZINE Committee have been presented by the treasurer, Mrs. S. M. Kelso, of Xenia, O.

Mrs. W. J. Reid and Mrs. J. A. Grier were appointed delegates to the General Assembly at Rock Island in 1897 to represent the Women's Board in the interest of the foreign work. The reports of the Foreign Board and Women's Board were referred to separate committees; then both reports referred to a joint committee. After discussion the report was finally handed back to the boards interested for further consideration and adjustment, to report to General Assembly this year. Two conferences

have been held, one in November of 1897, and one in March, 1898. At the November meeting the object of the meeting was stated by Dr. Kyle, president of the Foreign Board, and the first suggestion adopted, namely, (reading from rules governing the Foreign Board), "If a missionary becomes incapacitated through age or infirmity and remains in the field, the Board will be justified in continuing his full salary, in consideration of the work he has done and for the sake of his example, counsel and prayers." Dr. Kyle added a suggestion: "This rule shall apply also to single women missionaries and to unmarried medical missionaries, and to all other unordained missionaries. In case these unordained missionaries when incapacitated do not remain in the field, the Women's Board, in case they were supported by the Women's Board, or the Foreign Board, shall have power to grant, if needed, an annual allowance commensurate with that granted by the Board of Ministerial Relief." This suggestion was adopted.

A motion was made to fix the salary of a medical missionary at $700 per year, but the resolution was not adopted.

A second conference was held March 1st when the following points were considered:

1. Extra expense of medical missionaries while in the field.

2. On account of the extra expense of a medical education, in addition to a literary training, assistance may be given, or reimbursement made, by the Board supporting each such missionary, each case being considered upon its own merits, but those who receive assistance during the course of their education must first be approved and accepted as suitable candidates for the foreign field, and shall oblige themselves to return to the Board granting assistance the full amount, in case they fail to enter the work for reasons not approved by the Board.

After protracted discussion the conference adjourned without coming to any definite agreement regarding the salaries of the medical missionaries.

Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter was appointed delegate to the annual convention Women's International Union of foreign missionary societies, held in New York City January 10–12, a full report of which was given to the Board. The delegate had taken part in some of the discussions, and had met many of the prominent workers in missionary circles. The Thank-offering of 1897 amounted to $17,585.03, of which amount $1915.22 was designated and the remainder distributed, as follows: Foreign Missions, $4.000; Home Missions, $3641.46; Freedmen's Missions, $5,000; Church Extension and Parsonage fund, $3,000. The resignation of Mr. Wm. Yost, our attorney, was tendered and accepted. Major Robt. E. Stewart was appointed to the vacancy and is at present the attorney for the Board.

The terms of office of Mrs. J. A. Grier, Mrs. G. W. MacDonald, Miss Bessie Lambie, Mrs. Mary W. Porter and Miss E. D. Brown expire with this meeting.

We cannot close this report without paying a tribute to the memory of our beloved sisters, Mrs. E. J. McPherson and Mrs. Joseph Kyle, who died during the past year. Mrs. McPherson was a charter member of the society and was for five years president of its Board of Directors, and for three years its Literature secretary. Possessing a mild and gentle disposition, and always esteeming others better fitted than herself to assume important positions, she endeared herself to her fellow-laborers. May her mantle of Christian charity, her active interest in all things pertaining to the uplifting and redemption of humanity, and her cheerful submissiveness to the will of God under severe trials, fall upon those of us left behind.

Mrs. Kyle was permitted to meet only once with the Board, her death occurring in October. Judging from her life and her influence with those who were intimately associated with her, we as a Board feel that we have sustained a severe loss in the death of this dear sister.

For the first time in our history has the shadow of death. twice in one year, crossed the threshold of the Board, and we would tender our loving sympathy to those hearts made desolate by the death of these dear sisters. They "rest from their labors and their works do follow them." Respectfully Submitted,

MARY W. PORTER, Sec'y.

Allegheny Training-School.

The chairman of the committee in charge of the Training-school for missionaries of the Allegheny Theological Seminary read a report, which was adopted. The recommendation that the school be discontinued applies only to Allegheny Training-school. The report is as follows:

The Committee on the Training-school, in connection with the Allegheny Theological seminary, would report that a special session of the school was held in the Fourth U. P. church, Allegheny, from Oct. 5 to Oct. 15, 1897, inclusive. A well arranged and appointed program of work was successfully carried out. It consisted in a series of lectures by Dr. McClenahan on certain books of the Old Testament; by Dr. Wilson, on the "Life of Christ," by Dr. McNaugher, on the "Parables of our Lord," and by Dr. Grier, on the "Christian Doctrine of Prayer." There were also lectures by Drs. Kyle, W. S. Harper, Ferguson, McDowell, McGill, and Rev. Riley Little; and addresses by Revs. W. W. Lawrence, J. L. Vance, J. A. Alexander, W. I. Wishart, Prof. J. N. Smith, and Messrs G. M. Paden, W. J. Sawyer, Andrew S. Miller and Mrs. Mary B. Reid, eminently suited to the purpose to be served. Two days were devoted to subjects related to the Sabbath-school and young people's work, which were in charge of the authorities managing these interests in the Allegheny Presbytery.

At several of the sessions large numbers were in attendance, including a few from a distance, and all in all much good instruction was given and probably much good done. However, it was the opinion of the Faculty that the interest and results were not such as to warrant the continuation of the effort to maintain the school longer on the basis employed. There is evidently no considerable popular demand for the training offered. The regular work of the seminary generously opened to the public, has not been patronized during the year, and indications do not warrant a recommendation that the school be continued further in either of its departments. It is our opinion that for the present no special provision need be made for the training which has been contemplated, and that no money should be appropriated.

The expenses of the year have been nominal, neither Faculty or any of the other speakers have asked or received any compensation for their services. Some printing and traveling expenses have been paid. The balance of the amount appropriated to the work two years ago has been almost sufficient to meet all charges, and the school closes without debt.

We understand the seminary authorities are quite willing to continue their offer to receive into their classes any who desire to avail themselves of the training they afford, but they do not recommend any special effort for another year.

We recommend that the Women's Board thank the seminary authorities for their labor of love for the years of this experiment, and also that no special work be undertaken for next year.

We would call attention to the death of Mrs. Ella J. Kyle, a member and the treasurer of your committee, who died shortly after the sessions of the school of this year. Some of them she attended, and in the entire work she showed great interest. She was a genial friend, an excellent woman of business, and was wholly willing to do all in her power for any part of the Lord's work, and she will be missed as she is lamented by all everywhere with whom she was accustomed to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,
MRS. (J. A.) ADA C. GRIER, Chairman,
MISS SARAH MCCORMICK, Secretary.

A season of prayer, led by Mrs. R. T. Shank, of Erie, was closed with the Lord's prayer repeated in concert by the audience.

The address of the Literature secretary Mrs. James A. Grier, was given, emphasizing the annual report of this secretary.

Thank-offering secretary, Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, made an appeal in behalf of the work, asking that the contributions be given systematically and not deferred until the close of the year.

Church Extension and Parsonage secretary, Mrs. Geo. W. McDonald, addressed the Convention in behalf of this department, giving details of the work.

Mrs. Mary A. Dick, of West Newton, Pa., treasurer of the fund for the erection of a suitable monument to mark the last resting place of Miss Martha J. McKown our late missionary to Egypt, reported the completion of the monument, and its erection over the grave in the cemetery near Elizabeth, Pa. She submitted a sketch and sample of material used—dark granite. The stone is inscribed with the name, date of birth and of death, also an inscription, quoted from the scriptures, referring to the sightless condition of our sister for many years before her death: "Whereas I was blind now I see."

The treasurer reported a small deficiency in the amount of contributions to defray all expenses. It was moved and carried as amended that the report be adopted, a vote of thanks be given Mrs. Dick, and that the balance necessary to defray the expense be made up by personal contributions, and that any funds over and above be used to keep the grave in order. In order that it may be known where Miss McKown labored for thirty years, it was ordered that the

name of the mission in Egypt be suitably engraved on her tomb.

Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter led in prayer in behalf of our country in these trying times.

Mrs. Logue, of the Executive committee, invited all present to remain to dinner.

Meeting adjourned, Rev. Warnock pronouncing the benediction.

During the first meeting a request was made that the ladies remove their hats and bonnets. The request was generally observed during the sessions of the Convention.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, P. M.

Opening devotional exercises in charge of Mrs. R. C. Finney; subject, "The World's Need, God's Supply," including reading of the scripture relating to the subject. Singing No. 169, Bible Songs. Prayer by Miss A. V. Anderson, Miss Donnan and Mrs. McClanahan, and a solo by Miss Hough.

Address on the foreign work by the Foreign secretary, Mrs. W. J. Reid. The foreign missionaries present were escorted to the platform by the first vice-president, and Mrs. McMichael, and were received with the Chautauqua salute. Addresses were made by Mrs. W. M. Nichol and Mrs. E. M. Giffen, of Egypt, and by Dr. Maria White, formerly of India. In the conference on medical missions which followed, Mrs. Martha Jamieson, of Westmoreland presbytery made an address on "Diseases in Heathen Lands," giving accounts of the barbarous treatment and absurd remedies used in the care of the sick.

"Doors opened by Medical Missionaries," was the title of the address given by Dr. Madge Golden, of Mansfield presbytery. Dr. Maria White gave a most interesting talk on medical work in India, relating incidents of her life and work in that country. A friend of Mrs. J. O. Ashenhurst stated that she (Mrs. A.) had been, and was at present, in the hospital at Columbus, Ohio, suffering from a disease of the eyes, and asked that our sister be remembered in our prayers. Miss Mary Alda Tate led a season of prayer for the foreign missionaries, especially the one so severely afflicted.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 7:30 P. M.

A prayer and song service in charge of Mrs. W. J. Ashton, of Argyle presbytery, opened the evening meeting. This service, composed of singing of selections from the Bible Songs, prayer and an anthem by the choir, was a fitting prelude to the beautiful Thank-offering service, which each succeeding year is looked forward to as a special time of thanksgiving. It is the culmination of the services which have been held prior to this meeting during the year, in congregational societies and presbyterial associations, and is the offering of the hearts of hundreds of our women and children. Before it reaches the General Missionary Society it has been hallowed by the prayers of the givers, and when offered by the delegate it is finally consecrated to the work of the Lord, in the presence of representatives of our church from one end of our land to the other.

A conference, "Giving unto the Lord," Mrs. W. C. Hutchison, of Xenia, presiding. Mrs. Victor Kyle, of Monmouth presbytery, took for her subject, "How Much Owest Thou." Mrs. J. R. Logue, of Keokuk presbytery, spoke of the reflex benefit of giving. These subjects were in close touch with the Thank-offering service, over which Miss E. W. Pollock presided, and which included suitable prayers and selections from the Bible Songs.

The delegates observed the usual order in presenting the offerings. During the

singing of the psalm, "Come into His Courts," the offerings were given. Mrs. Shank, of Erie, read a paper prepared by Mrs. Parker. While the audience were waiting for the committee to report the amount contributed, they sang many familiar selections from the psalms. When the count was completed, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, at the request of the chairman, announced the amount contributed (the envelope count, it may be called, as the count is made only from the figures on the outside of the envelopes) at this time, to be $17,644,26.

Three persons had been added to the Thank-offering committee, as first announced by the president—Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Mrs. Mattie Patterson and one other.

Mrs. H. C. Campbell offered the prayer consecrating and dedicating our offerings to the work of the Lord.

Meeting adjourned; benediction pronounced by Rev. W. E. Shaw, of Fredricksburg, Ohio.

THURSDAY, MAY 12, A M.

Meeting opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Margaret Heade, of Muskingum presbytery. The roll was called.

Report of the secretary of the Magazine Committee read by Mrs. W. C. Hutchison, of Xenia.

Report of the treasurer of the Magazine Committee read by Mrs. Belle McD. Patterson, of Xenia.

A motion as amended was carried that action on this report be deferred until after the joint conference of the Magazine Committee and the Women's Board present their report.

Mrs. Campbell moved, and it was carried, that all members of missionary societies everywhere be invited to sit as consultative members of this Convention.

Junior work was presented by the secretary of the department, Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson.

The conference was in charge of Mrs. E. M. Hill, who told how to interest the children in Junior missionary work.

"How to secure the co-operation of the parents in our Junior work," was the subject of Mrs. John B. Gorden's address.

The time allotted was too short for these very interesting talks, and the discussion that was to follow was lost to the Convention for the same reason. A motion to adjourn was carried.

THURSDAY, MAY 12, P. M.

Mrs. M. M. Gibson, of San Francisco presbytery, led the devotional exercises that opened this meeting; subject, The Home Church, God's Requirements and Assurances. Isaiah 54–2,3. Mrs. H. C. Campbell, home secretary, addressed the Convention on her special work.

Address of the Freedmen's secretary, Dr. C. Jane Vincent, on the work of the Freedmen's mission.

Conference, Mrs. M. F. McKirahan, Kansas City, presiding, "The Gospel in the Home Land—What God Hath Wrought." Mrs. A. N. Porter, Des Moines, spoke of rural work. Miss Margaret H. Kerr, representing the mission work in the South, read an interesting paper giving in detail an account of the work. Much interest was shown in this conference, the delegates taking part. The Freedmen's secretary had secured from the industrial departments, under the care of the General Missionary Society, samples of work of the pupils in the Southern schools, and the delegates were invited to take these samples home to show to their societies. The offer was accepted, and the secretary reports that all the samples were taken. A season of short prayers was led by Miss Anna Claney, of Le Claire presbytery. A paper prepared by Mrs. J. A. Morrow, of the Warm Springs In-

dian Agency, Oregon presbytery, for lack of time was not read, but was, on motion, ordered to be printed in the Magazine.

Moved and carried that the regular order of business be set aside and the election of officers made the order of business. Chairman on nominations reported two names for president, two additional, on motion, added, two names for first vice-president; two additional, on motion, added. Two names for second vice-president, two additional, on motion, added, one name for treasurer, Miss E. J. Sloan, one name for recording secretary, Mrs. Mary W. Porter, eight names for Board of Directors, five names for Magazine Committee.

Moved and carried that the treasurer cast the vote for Mrs. Mary W. Porter for recording secretary.

Moved and carried that the secretary cast the vote for Miss E. J. Sloan for treasurer.

Moved and carried that the secretary cast the ballot electing the former Magazine Committee.

During the interval between lifting the ballots and announcing the result of the election, a motion was made and carried to hear the committee on place. The chairman reported and recommended that the invitation from New Castle, Beaver Valley presbytery, be accepted. The report was adopted, and the invitation to hold the sixteenth annual convention of the W. G. M. S. in New Castle, Pa., in 1899, was accepted.

On motion, the report of the Xenia Training-school was heard. A statement was made by the chairman regarding the official report. It had been mislaid, but the main facts were given and the report, as given, adopted. Official report of chairman and treasurer have since been received, and are here appended:

The Xenia Bible Training School.

In presenting this report, we would preface it by stating that it is impossible to bring before you each year matter of very unusual import. One report is very frequently almost a repetition of those brought forward on previous occasions. Such will be the case with this account of the past session's work at the Xenia Training-school.

We believe that faithful, satisfactory work has been done by those attending this school; and we are sure that the instruction they have obtained has been in every way fitted to benefit them.

There have been five enrolled as regular members, one of these being Miss Reid, of Springfield, Ohio, who has now completed a three years course in this institution. Other ladies have been frequently present at recitations, but on account of irregularity in attendance have not been enrolled. Had they been counted our register of students would have been much larger.

The members of the school have expressed themselves very heartily with regard to the benefit they have derived from their course of study. Two medical addresses of a practical kind have been given during the session. They were received as very helpful, and our thanks are due to the physicians who so kindly gave their services on these occasions. The missionary address by Miss Mary J. Campbell, of India, was interesting and appropriate. The committee regrets that arrangements could not be perfected with other returned missionaries for similar addresses, as we expected.

A number of choice volumes are the special property of the school, and its members have access to any book in the large and well selected library of the Xenia Theological Seminary. Two periodicals—The Missionary Review of the World and The Women's Missionary MAGAZINE, are found on the library table.

As a committee we extend our thanks to the members of the Faculty of the Xenia Theological Seminary, who have so faithfully and ably carried out their promises with regard to those in attendance upon the Training school, and who have individually expressed themselves as entirely willing to render similar services for the coming year.

Special lectures for the Training-school impose additional labor upon the professors and it is earnestly desired that the number of pupils be increased so that these lectures may be given to full classes. This we consider the more necessary for the reason that the Board of Managers of the Seminary, at their recent meeting, recommended the discontinuance of these special lectures unless the attendance should reach the number of ten persons. But let the number be great or small, the regular work of the Seminary is open to Training-school pupils as heretofore.

In view of this action of the Managers, your committee asks the co-operation of the members of this convention in bringing the advantages of the Training-school before the workers in their different localities. Surely there are many young people in our denomination who wish to fit themselves for more active and capable service in the church.

The Committee feels especially encouraged by the reports received of the efficient labors, as a city missionary in Chicago, of one who left the school last year, and we have no doubt that the labors of others who attended the school have been richly blessed of the Master in the spheres they have filled.

As these young ladies go into their various fields of labor in the church they certainly will be more competent workers because of the training they have received. Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. W. J. BUCHANAN,
MRS. R. S. FINLEY,
MRS. JOSEPH HOLMES,
MRS. J. C. WARNOCK,
MRS. S. S. WILSON.
} The Committee of Bible Training School at Xenia.

XENIA BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL.

Mrs. R. S. Finley, Treasurer, in account with Miss E. J. Sloan, Treasurer Women's General Missionary Society.

May 1897.	Balance in Treasury	$64.00
August 1897.	Folders sent to Young People's Convention Indianapolis	$6.50
	Books for library	$10 53
	Secretary's book, Stationary, Stamps	$2.50
April, 1898.	Missionary Address	$10 00
		29.53
	Balance	$34.47

MRS. R. S. FINLEY,
Secretary and Treasurer Training School Com.

Mrs. J. A. Grier, moved and it was carried, that as we have now but one training school we do all we can to help this school.

Mrs. Jas. T. McCrory moved and it was carried that the committee that served last year in the Xenia Training-school be continued for this year. The name of Mrs. S. M. Kelso was suggested and substituted in place of Mrs. J. C. Warnock, who had declined a re-appointment on account of change of residence.

Moved and carried that the report of the Women's Association work be heard. Mrs. Mary E. Waddell gave this always interesting report, which includes the reports of the Orphans' Home, Memorial Hospital and Home for Aged. Later this report was, on motion, adopted.

Notice of the corporation meeting, to be held in Calvin Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa., May 27th, at 10 a. m., was read, and the importance of this meeting explained to the delegates.

The chairman of the tellers reported the result of the election of officers as follows:

President,	Mrs. Victor Kyle,	Monmouth Presbytery
First Vice Pres't,	Mrs. Ella J. Buchanan,	Xenia "
Second "	Mrs. J. R. Logue,	Keokuk "
Secretary,	Mrs. Mary W. Porter,	Monongahela "
Treasurer,	Miss E. J. Sloan,	" "

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Mrs. Geo. W. Mac Donald,	Allegheny Presbytery.
Mrs. Jas. A. Grier,	" "
Mrs. E. M. Hill,	Monongahela Presbytery.
Miss E. D. Brown,	" "
Mrs. Mary W. Porter,	" "

Moved and carried that we adjourn at 5.30 p. m.

Moved and carried that the report of the memorial committee be made the order of the day.

Chairman reported memorial from Xenia Presbyterial, as follows:

"We, the ladies of Xenia Presbyterial Society, assembled in convention, April 7th and 8th, 1898, at Columbus, Ohio, would respectfully ask that the Minutes of the W. G. M. S. be printed in the Magazine, believing that they reach and benefit more of our workers, all extra expense to be borne by the Board."

The committee on memorial recommend that the memorial be adopted, with the following amendment: that the extra expense be borne by the Magazine Committee.

Memorial 2nd. "We, the ladies of Xenia Presbyterial Missionary Society assembled in Columbus, Ohio, April 7-8, 1898, would respectfully ask "that a plan be devised by which all our lady foreign missionaries may be made members of the W. G. M. S. with all the privileges of life members."

The committee on memorial presents the following action: While we feel a desire to extend to our foreign missionaries every courtesy and privilege as far as practical, and whereas the adoption of this memorial will require a change in the by-laws, and whereas our foreign presbyteries are entitled to the same representation as our home presbyteries, and whereas such action will open such a wide field leading to the extending of the same courtesies to the home workers, we feel that it would not be expedient. Therefore we recommend that this memorial be not adopted. Signed, Mrs. A. I. Young, Mrs. W. W. Lawrence, Mrs. Robt. Hutton, Mrs. Sadie White and Mrs. Pressly Thompson.

Mrs. D. K. Bryce moved that the report be adopted. In the discussion following, an amendment was offered that the report be separated, and that we vote only on the recommendation relating to the publishing of the minutes. Motion to insert Mrs. Porter's amendment car-

ried and the recommendation of committee regarding the first memorial adopted. Mrs. Porter's amendment is as follows:

1. That the minutes of the convention be published in the July number of the Magazine at the expense of the Magazine Committee, and the addresses of the convention be published in the Magazine from time to time as the Magazine Committee may direct.

2. That the reports of the Board of Directors, together with the statistics of the missionary societies and the minutes of the corporation meeting be published by the Board of Directors for free distribution.

The second recommendation of the committee on motion adopted. On motion the report was adopted as a whole.

Mrs. Jean S. Sands, of Monongahela, offered the following.

At a meeting of Junior missionary superintendents and leaders, held May 11th, 1898, in Cleveland, the following action was ordered to be presented to this convention.

WHEREAS, The Junior workers all over our church are embarrassed and hindered in making the progress so much desired, on account of no periodical being issued by our General Missionary Society for the Juniors, and,

WHEREAS, Many of our Junior superintendents and leaders *are obliged* to subscribe for magazines and other periodicals *issued by other denominations*, for needed help, therefore,

Resolved—That we urge upon our Women's Board, that they take immediate steps to give to the Juniors and their friends the much longed for, much talked about Junior paper.

MRS. JEAN S. SANDS, Chairman.

Resolution, on motion, adopted.

Conference, "The Local Society." Mrs. W. F. Johnston was not present; her paper sent to the Convention; subject, "Its Needs." Mrs. L. M. Cootes, of Caledonia, read a paper on "Its Possibilities." Mrs. Robert Hutton told of the "Methods Found Successful." Discussion followed.

Moved and carried that the report of the treasurer of the W. G. M. S., Miss E. J. Sloan, be made the order of the day for 10 A. M. Friday. The offering taken amounted to $21.35. Adjourned.

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 7:30 P. M.

Devotional service, Mrs. J. F. Watson, Indiana Presbytery, presiding. Bible study; subject, "Jehovah Nissi." "The Lord my Banner," a solo, was sung by Miss Dysart. A season of sentence prayers closed the service.

The delegate roll was called, each person with a Scripture text given as a reason for praise. Committee on resolutions reported as follows:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

WHEREAS, The Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, has, through the divine providence of God, again met in regular session, it is:

Resolved—1. That a very earnest and hearty vote of thanks be extended to the ladies of the Executive Committee and all those associated with them, for their untiring and efficient efforts for the success of the Convention; for the generous entertainment, and for the abundant provision made for the comfort and happiness of those in attendance at the Convention.

2. That the pastors and people of our churches in this city, who have extended to the Convention such a cordial welcome and also of their help and support during all of the sessions, be most cordially thanked for their generous hospitality and cheery helpfulness.

3. That, as the music has been such an enjoyable factor in the devotional exercises, the untiring efforts and helpful assistance of the Choir be duly acknowledged, as having added much to the spiritual atmosphere of the Convention, and an expression of thanks be extended to them from the Convention.

4. In that the comfort and convenience of those in attendance at the Convention has been added to, through the kindness and generosity of the railroad officials, it seems fit at this time for the Convention to express to them its appreciation and thanks, and acknowledge its indebtedness to Miss E. D. Brown, railroad secretary.

5. Inasmuch as God, through His Divine will, deemed it best to afflict the little daughter of our sister, Mrs. R. C. Findley, who had contributed so much of effort toward the success of the Convention, we would extend to her our heartfelt sympathy, and our gratitude to God for His answer to the many earnest and sincere prayers of the members of the society in her behalf.

6. Appreciating the efficient and dignified manner in which our president, Mrs. J. C. Meek, has prepared for, and presided over, the meetings, and for the co-operation and aid given her by all the other officers, we desire to express gratitude and thanks for that which has made the Convention a success.

7. That as the work of the Women's Board and Magazine Committee is done now, as in former years, without financial recognition, we hereby extend to them an appreciation of their efforts and an acknowledgment of the efficiency of their work.

8. That, because of the war now in progress, we ask God's blessing on our President and others in authority, together with all those engaged in the struggle. We pray that God will speedily bring the war to a close, and will overrule this conflict, to the furtherance of the Gospel.

9. That, in view of a great need of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our mission work, we ask all the women of the church to spend ten minutes every day in earnest prayer to God for a special

blessing on the work in the Foreign, Home, and Freedmen's fields. We believe that if our women pray for the work they will become so thoroughly interested in the cause, that they will gladly give of their means.

10. In that it has pleased God in His allwise providence to remove from our midst three of our faithful workers, Mrs. Eliza J. McPherson, Mrs. Ella B. Kyle, and Miss Eliza B. Wallace, and while we deeply feel their loss in our work, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, acknowledging that he doeth all things well, and we pray that God will be very near to the many dear friends left behind.

11. That we, as individuals, give to God, in our our prayers, hearty thanksgiving for what has been accomplished during the past year; and that His benediction may rest upon every undertaking in the year to come, strengthening and blessing every effort that may be put forth in His name.

MRS. J. R. LOGUE,
MRS. J. C. BOYD,
MRS. E. M. GIFFEN,
MRS. R. C. FINNEY,
MISS MARGARET KERR.

On motion report adopted as read.

An Address, "Supreme Devotion to the Cause of Christ," was made by Mrs. R. W. Kidd, of Beaver presbytery, and an anthem sung by the choir. Moved and carried that the parting service, as per programme, be postponed until tomorrow. Meeting closed by singing No. 98, Bible Songs.

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE AS AMENDED.

Officers of the Convention present..... 5
Delegates..... 101
United Presbyterian Association representative 1
Life Members..... 14

Six members of the Board, one officer and one delegate, are Life Members, making 128 persons entitled to vote.

Those marked (*) were present.

DELEGATE ROLL.

ALLEGHENY.

Mrs. W. I. Wishart. *
Mrs. W. J. McClintock. *
Miss Anna M. Allen. *
Miss Emma White. *
Mrs. W. H. McMillan.
Mrs. J. L. Vance. *
Mrs. Curry Graham *
Miss Jennie Musgrave.
Miss Etta L. Clark.
Mrs. W. S. Harper.

Alternates,
Mrs. John McNaugher.
Miss Jennie B. Wallace
Mrs. J. J. Ernhart.
Mrs. E. M. Gormley.
Mrs. J. D. Fraser. *
Miss J. A. McPherson.
Mrs. Geo. M. Paden.
Miss Anna Webb *
Miss Jennie Glover.
Mrs. J. K. Meriam.

ARGYLE.

Mrs. J. W. Ashton. *

Alternate,
Miss Adah McMillan.

ARKANSAS VALLEY.

BEAVER VALLEY.

Mrs. H. H. Crawford.
Mrs. Margaret Campbell. *
Miss Mary E. McCune.
Miss Ella McKim. *
Mrs. A. J. Mellon. *

Alternates,
Mrs. J. A. Edie. *
Mrs. R. J. Blevins. *

BIG SPRING.

Miss Jennie McCallister.

Alternate,
Mrs. G. M. Reed.

BROOKVILLE.

Mrs. M. F. Given. *

Alternate,
Mrs. Laura Hopkins.

BUTLER.

Mrs. A. B. Dickie. *
Miss Lizzie Bailey. *
Mrs. M. W. McKelvey.
Mrs. S. M. McKee.
Mrs. J. B. McClelland. *
Mrs. J. H. Breaden *

CALEDONIA.

Mrs. L. M. Cootes. *
Miss Margaret Bowmar.

CEDAR RAPIDS.

Mrs. W. H. Anderson. *

Alternate,
Miss Mamie Cassill.

CHARTIERS.

Miss Caldwell, *
Miss Anderson. *
Mrs. I. N. Blair. *
Mrs. E. C. Little. *

Alternates,
Miss McConel.
Mrs. Miller.
Mrs. John Semple.
Miss J. H. Clark.

CHICAGO.

Mrs. A. G. Hastings. *
Mrs. W. T. Meloy. *

Alternates,
Mrs. Martin Thompson,
Mrs. Agnes Patten. *

CHILLICOTHE

Mrs. A. P. Thompson. *
Mrs. Sadie Kirkpatrick. *

Alternate,
Miss Flora Baldridge.

CLEVELAND.

Mrs. E. McKee.
Mrs. James Walker. *

Alternate,
Mrs. D. P. Huston. *

COLLEGE SPRINGS.

Mrs. Agnes McNab.

Alternate,
Mrs. Mary H. Irvin. *

COLORADO.

Mrs. Pressly Thompson. *
Miss Elizabeth Campbell. *

CONCORDIA.

CONEMAUGH.

Mrs. J. M. Stewart. *
Mrs. Gilkerson.

Alternates,
Mrs. Kate B. McMinn.
Mrs. Henderson.

DES MOINES

Mrs. Mary L. Porter. *
Alternate,
Miss Lizzie Forbes.

DELAWARE.

Mrs. W. L. C. Samson. *
Alternate,
Mrs. W. L. Doig.

DETROIT.

Mrs. Robert Hutton. *

EGYPT.

Mrs. A. Watson.
Mrs. M. Giffen. *
Mrs. Wm. Nicoll. *

FRANKFORT.

Mrs. Mary Calhoun.
Alternate,
Miss Flora Nelson. *

GARNETT.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

ILLINIOS SOUTHERN.

Mrs. Sadie White. *
Alternate
Mrs. John Rutherford.

INDIANA.

Mrs. J. D. Lytle. *
Mrs. J. F. Watson. *
Alternate,
Mrs Jas. McNeal.

KANSAS CITY.

Mrs. M. F. McKirahan. *

KEOKUK.

Mrs. J. R. Logue. *

LAKE.

Miss Emma Cross.
Miss Cora McClelland. *
Miss Tirzah Story *
Alternates,
Mrs. T. M. Cooley. *
Miss Anna McCracken.
Mrs. Jas. Kelly.

LE CLAIRE.

Miss Anna Claney. *

LOS ANGELES.

MANSFIELD.

Mrs. J. T. Caldwell.
Mrs. J. E. Springer. *
Alternate,
Miss Dougherty. *

MERCER.

Mrs. W. J. Snodgrass.
Mrs. Alma Gilfillan. *
Mrs. McWatty.
Mrs. Beggs.
Mrs. M. K. Hamilton.
Alternates,
Mrs. Mitchell.
Mrs. S. A. Patterson. *
Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan. *

MONMOUTH.

Miss Hattie Ferguson. *
Mrs. J. F. Jamison. *
Mrs. John Carothers.
Alternates,
Miss Jennie McAllister.
Mrs. George Pearce. *

MONONGAHELA.

Mrs. J. E. Wishart. *
Mrs. J. F. Welch. *
Mrs. W. T. Dickson.
Miss Gay Logan. *
Miss Martha Holmes.
Miss Frances Gamble. *
Mrs. D. K. Bryce. *
Mrs. W. H. Lea. *
Miss Laura Wandless. *
Mrs. D. S. Littell. *
Mrs. Lizzie McCrum. *
Miss Margaret Burke. *
Mrs. J. T. McCrory. *
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Miss E. J. Sloan, Treas.

A scene which could only occur in time of war, and which happily has never occurred before in our history, was the patriotic demonstration which closed the evening's meeting. Few present knew of the arrangements until a band of boys in uniform entered the church, bearing the flag of our country, while the organ played The Star Spangled Banner. Amid cheers they ranged themselves across the front of the church, and stood while addresses were made by Mrs. H. C. Campbell, of Allegheny, and Hon. J. T. Logue, of Cleveland. Mrs. J. T. McCrory and Rev. R. L. Warnock made earnest prayers for the welfare of our country and the young men at the front. The meeting closed with the singing of "America."

FRIDAY, MAY 13 9 A. M.

Mrs. Albert Gordon, first vice-president, presided. Devotional exercises were in charge of Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter. The secretary asked that the reading of the minutes be deferred until the meeting of the corporation, to be held in Pittsburgh, May 27. Mrs. H. C. Campbell moved, and it was carried, that the reading of the minutes be deferred until the corporation meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Chairman of the committee on referred reports of the Foreign, Home and Ministerial Relief secretaries reported, as follows:

REFERRED REPORTS.

The committee appointed, to whom was referred the Foreign and Home secretaries reports, would respectfully report the following:

FOREIGN.—Only one new missionary has been sent out this year, Miss Dixon, of Aurora, Ill. Four missionaries have been sent back to their fields of labor. A medical missionary is needed for India. The committeee desire to call your attention to the alarming decrease of contribution to our Foreign work. The cry comes from India and Egypt. "The harvest truly is plenteous; the laborers are few." The total contributions last year amounted to $23,936.89; disbursements, $30,224.15. 37 women missionaries are supported in the Foreign field at an annual cost $19.100. $24,891 will be needed this year to carry on the work already undertaken; or, in other words, $900 more will be needed than was received last year.

We support two hospitals and four medical missionaries, and we do not need to be told of the good done by these medical missionaries after what we heard yesterday. Would that we had many friends in the church, to follow the example of the two Christian women, not members of our denomination, who have offered to pay the salary of Dr. Lawrence in Egypt for a term of five years.

Our Foreign secretary is not in the habit of making appeals for more money, but unless we contribute more generously, the coming year will hear us give the dreaded cry, *Retrench!!*

Our Foreign secretary has labored hard these many years, to bring the work to its present condition. Do not let us add to her responsibility and anxiety by withholding the money needed for the proper carrying on of this important part of our work.

MRS. JEAN S. SANDS, Chairman.
MRS. A. G. HASTINGS.

HOME MISSION WORK.—Ten laborers scattered over five states have held up the banner of Christ and the church in this department of our work during the past twelve months, and the voice of the ten is as the voice of one saying, "The Lord hath done great things for us, blessed be His Holy name."

Oregon has had three workers; California, two; Illinois, three; Washington, one, and Colorado one. All these have rendered faithful service. Their names are as follows: Rev. J. A. Speer, Warm Springs, Ore.; Rev. J. A. Morrow, Simnasho, Ore.; Miss Helen Currie, Alameda, Cal.; Mrs. A. E. Gleason, Oakland, Cal.; Miss Virginia Carothers, Portland, Ore.; Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Denver, Col.; Miss Minnie Speer, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Mattie Thompson, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Margaret Barnes, Moline,

Ill.; Miss Margaret J. Stewart, Spokane, Wash.

Amount expended for support of Indian work, $2,921.84; for support of city missionaries, $3,584.25

The first woman supported by our W. G. M. S. began her labors in September 1889, in Portland, Oregon. Since that date twenty-three women have been devotedly laboring for longer or shorter periods to carry the Gospel into the homes of the people. To this number add our three consecrated ministers who have had charge of our Indian work and you have a faint idea of the responsibility of the home mission department.

Total number of visits reported, 8,582, an average of more than fourteen hundred each. A church has been built at Spokane, and the school buildings at the Warm Springs Agency have been completed, and the government boarding school has been opened.

Chicago has taken rapid strides in United Presbyterianism lately, three new congregations having been organized in one quarter recently.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.—We regret that we have been permitted to do so little in this department during the year which this report covers. We are sure there must be many entitled to and deserving of the aid which this part of our work is so willing and anxious to render. We have tried every way possible to obtain names and addresses of those whom it would be a pleasure to aid, but few reponses have been received. We cannot, in the nature of the case, give accounts of what has been done, as your agents, Suffice it to say, that the sum expended amounts to $338.95.

MRS. JEAN S. SANDS, Chairman.
MRS. A. G. HASTINGS.

May 13, 1898.

On motion reports adopted.

FREEDMEN, CHURCH EXTENSION AND PARSONAGE WORK.—Your committee having carefully examined the reports of the Freedmen's Work and the Church Extension and Parsonage Fund, do most earnestly recommend them to your careful consideration, and bespeak for the entire work your hearty support. Especially would we urge that an earnest effort be made to wipe out the deficit now existing in the Freedmen's work, and that the close of next year may show a creditable balance. In the Church Extension and Parsonage Work, we are glad to note the increase of funds given and the evidence of steady growth during the past year. 32 congregations are now being helped by the W. G. M. S. May many be added during the coming year and thus the borders of our beloved church be extended.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. C. LITTLE,
MRS. A. B. DICKEY,
MRS. R. B. PATTON.

On motion adopted.

Immediately preceding the presentation and adoption of the report of committee on Freedmen, Church Extension and parsonage work, the order of the day was taken up—the discussion of the report of the treasurer of the W. G. M. S. Mrs. W. W. Lawrence asked if we had not adopted an incomplete report, as the $3000 of the Magazine funds are not reported. This was explained by the fact that our treasurer had never received this money, and consequently could not report it. The question, Why is there such a large credit-balance? the treasurer explained, but in order that it may be better understood by the women of the church, it was moved by Mrs. W. J. Reid and carried that the chairman of the Finance committee make a brief explanation of the investment of funds belonging to the Women's General Missionary Society, which may be appended to the treasurer's printed report.

Motion to adopt the report of the Women's Association work, previously presented, was carried.

Committees on referred reports of Literature, Thank-offering and Junior work, made report as follows, and the same, on motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANK-OFFERING.

From the report of the Thank-offering secretary we find that commendable progress has been made the past year in this work, and that we are becoming a more grateful people. The recommendation, adopted at Indianola, Ia, in regard to having the feast of Ingathering observed by all the societies the same day each year was to some extent carried out, and thought to be very profitable. The fact that such a large number of both Senior and Junior Responsive Exercises were ordered by congregational societies, shows that a greater interest than ever before has been taken in the preparation for the Thank-offering service.

Your committee would recommend,

That delegates impress on their societies the importance of paying particular attention to *directness* in ordering supplies from Thank-offering secretary, and that the letter of instruction sent out annually be preserved for reference and use.

2nd, That a Thank-offering secretary may be appointed in each presbyterial so that the work may be kept up before the different societies.

MRS. W. H. ANDERSON, Chairman,
MRS. JAMES M. HAMILTON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUNIOR WORK.

From the report of the secretary we find that owing to the failure of some societies to send in full reports, an accurate account of the work could not be given.

While the number of societies has decreased, yet the membership of all the societies has increased from 524 to 805.

It is gratifying to note that the giving of the Thank-offering by the Junior societies is more general than heretofore, the amount for this year being $774.16.

Some progress has been made in regard to the publication of a Junior paper, the size and style of paper being similar to those of some other denominations, plans having been made for at least two cuts in each issue. The details in regard to the printing, publishing, etc., have been placed under the care of the Literature committee, with two other members from the Board. An editor has not yet been elected.

We recommend that delegates impress on their societies the fact that Junior societies are under the direct supervision of the Women's Missionary Society and that they be urged to take a more active interest in this work.

The recommendation of special work for Junior societies this year is the building of a parsonage costing about $800. Your committee most heartily endorses this recommendation.

MRS. W. H. ANDERSON, Chairman,
MRS. JAMES M HAMILTON.

Moved and carried, as amended, that the reports of the secretary and treasurer of the Magazine Committee be adopted, after reading the following report of the joint Committee of Women's Board and Magazine Committee.

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON MAGAZINE.

The committee of two, appointed by the Board of Directors, and two members of the Magazine Committee, which met to confer as to the best manner of adjusting the differences in regard to the investments of the Magazine funds, and respectfully recommend the following:

rst, That the funds of the Magazine be held in the name of the corporation, and be invested as required by the laws of Pennsylvania under which the charter of the Women's General Missionary Society was procured.

2nd, That the Magazine Committee, as the authorized agent of the corporation in the publishing of the MAGAZINE, have the full benefit of the funds in the management thereof.

MRS. MARY CLOKEY PORTER,
MRS. W C. HUTCHISON,
MRS. BELLE McD. PATTERSON,
MRS. AGNES P. PATTERSON.

NOTE.—The names above signed are those of the Joint committee appointed at Cleveland and not those of the Indianola committee.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF MAGAZINE.

Approaching nearly eleven years ago, "The Women's Missionary Magazine of the United Presbyterion Church of North America, devoted to missions at home and abroad, under the editorial manage-

ment of a committee of the General Missionary Society," first saw the light, greeting its readers in August, in the year of our Lord, 1887.

Through dangers seen and unseen the MAGAZINE has safely passed, and through the sweet mercies of the Omnipotent Jehovah, the kindness of friends and faithful and abounding work, is steadily growing and prospering. Our publishers have been obliging. Agents have been faithful and untiring and the committee are under many obligations to Mr. T. L. Magruder for legal services, for which he has refused to accept remuneration.

The providing of illustrations, arranging for leading articles, selections and miscellaneous matter; the correspondence and missionary budget; the Young People's department; the editorial; the programmes; the reports of the secretary and treasurer of Women's Board, and tributes of affection, with the attendant scrutiny and voluminous proof-reading, in both page and galley, have regularly and constantly taken place. One of the committee, when a very small girl, said: "My! how the years do roll round," and we may say, "Thus the MAGAZINE rolls around the cylinder of the year dropping off into many lands and homes."

It visits, directly and indirectly, twenty-five or thirty thousand readers, and we are happy to state that the list has grown several hundred in the present year, (though magazines of very large denominations report some an increase and some a decrease) 5600 copies, the highest number ever reached since the beginning having been issued for some months, coming nearer the 6000 line.

And now that the storm of financial depression is abating, and the waves of returning prosperity are setting steadily and strongly to the shore, we trust that the MAGAZINE may come sailing in on the topmost crest with a full cargo of earnest and loyal subscribers. It has given back full value for every cent received from subscribers; has promptly met its obligations, and its carefully accumulated saving are well invested. In a certain sense it has always been self-supporting, but it needs a sufficient fund from interest-bearing securities and yearly revenues to make it capable of a salary of editor or editors in case of need. Toward this end the committee are working in the hope that ere long, this object, which we believe to be a very meritorious one, shall be realized.

Many kind words from workers in all departments of our own church, and from sister denominations, have been received in regard to the helpfulness of the Magazine. (For these we thank the givers and from them we thank God and take courage.)

And now we ask your prayers for the Magazine, that more and more its labors may rise, greater and greater its usefulness increase, till the happy time shall come when "none shall need say to his neighbor, Know the Lord," and when "the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

It is recommended that the simultaneous canvass of last year be made again this year with redoubled energy all along the line.

To the Women's General Missionary society of the United Presbyterian church of North America met in annual session in Clevelaud, O., May 10, 1898, this report of your Magazine Committee is respectfully and affectionately submitted.

On motion adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MAGAZINE.

Financial report of Women's Missionary Magazine for the fiscal year ending with April 30th, 1898:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, April 30, 1898			$1122 34
Magazine subscriptions during year	3131 37		
Resolutions published	69 94		
Cuts	1 25		
Advertising	47 50		
Int. loans	116 27		
Principal of loan,	50 00	3416 33	
Total			$4538 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

For printing magazine and mailing thereof for twelve monthly issues		$2713 52
Telegrams, postage, incidentals and carrier in Xenia, Ohio		60 00
Telephone rent and tolls		31 20
One delegate, railway fare to Indianola		23 40
One representative, R R fare, &c., O. Y. P. C. U. convention at Indianapolis		11 00
Other traveling expense of committee		3 75
Loan of Reserve Fund		1000 00
Audit of Accounts for 1897-8		5 00
Minutes for LeClaire Presbytery		4 20
Engravings and Cuts for Magazines		83 54
Periodicals and literature for committee		17 55
Total		$3953 16
Balance on hand April 30th, 1898		585 51

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Statement of Resources and Liabilities of the Women's Missionary Magazine, April 30th, 1898:

RESOURCES.

Call loan	$ 500 00	
Interest accrued at 4 per cent		$500 00
Time loan	500 00	
Interest accrued at 7 per cent	17 50	517 50
Time loan	500 00	
Interest accrued at 7 per cent	45 00	535 00
Call loan	1000 00	
Interest accrued at 6 per cent	10 00	1010 00
Cash on deposit, subject to check		585 51
Total, actual and estimated		$3148 01

Liabilities—None outstanding or unpaid.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. S. M. KELSO, Treasurer.

Xenia, Ohio, May 5, 1998.

It is hereby certified that I have carefully examined the books, accounts, vouchers, securities and other papers belonging and pertaining to the management of the Women's Missionary Magazine Committee, for and during the period included in the foregoing report, and find the same correct and corresponding in every particular.

GEORGE W. KENDALL, Accountant.

During the time taken by the committee for the revision of the second recommendation in report of joint committee of Women's Board and Magazine Committee, Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson read the deferred action of Indianola Convention, and offered an amendment to by-law 3, section 3, by inserting the words "and a delegate from the United Presbyterian Women's Association. "On motion, amendment adopted.

The retiring President, Mrs. J. C. Meek, introduced Mrs. Victor Kyle, president, and Mrs. J. R. Logue, second vice-president of the convention of 1899.

Mrs. N. W. Stevenson moved, and it was carried, that all unfinished business be referred to the corporation meeting, May 27th in Calvin Hall.

Mrs. W. J. Reid moved, amended by Miss E. D. Brown, that a vote of thanks be given officers and all who united in making the Convention a success and that the church papers and magazine, be included; carried. A box of roses and magnolias having been received from Clarksville, Mississippi Mrs. Reid moved that the Convention recognize the sweet thoughtfulness of the Southern sisters, who so kindly sent the flowers that have adorned the president's table, by a vote of thanks that may be conveyed to them by their delegates who are present; carried. Moved that we adjourn; carried. The audience joined in repeating the Lord's prayer.

The President declared the 16th Annual Convention of the W. G. M. S. of the U. P. church of N. A. adjourned to meet in New Castle, Pa., May 18, 1899. R. R. Secy's report, adopted.

MRS. J. C. MEEK, President.
MRS. MARY W. PORTER, Secretary.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE BY RAILROAD AT THE CLEVELAND CONVENTION, MAY 10–13, 1898.

Western Association Lines	10
Trunk Lines	37
Central Passenger Lines	218
Total	265

Respectfully submitted,
MISS E. D. BROWN,
Railroad Secretary.

DESIGNATED THANK-OFFERING 1898.

NAME OF PRESBYTERIAL OR INDIVIDUAL.	Foreign.	Foreign Salary.	Foreign Special.	Suffering Cuba.	Home and Salaries.	Home Board.	Freedmen.	Alabama Farm.	Church Extension.	Good Hope Mission.	Dales Memorial.	Ministerial Relief.	Orphan's Home and Association.	Allegheny Memorial Hospital	Home for the Aged.	Total.
Allegheny		$12 00	$10 00		$84 50	$12 00	$1 50		$12 00			$5 50	$17 00	$45 00		$199 50
Beaver Valley			6 50	$5 00												11 50
Brookville	$ 4 00	8 00			4 55											16 55
Cedar Rapids					7 50		7 50									15 00
Chillicothe	23 12				12 20		5 60	4 18			3 69					57 21
College Springs			12 00													16 18
Colorado	7 34				7 34			12 00				1 70				23 72
Delaware																12 00
Garnett					15 00											15 00
Illinois Central	15 00				10 00			8 00								25 00
Indiana	41 50		12 00		41 00		41 00									184 50
Indiana Northern	13 00															13 00
Mansfield	16 00				47 00											63 00
Mercer	15 50		6 08													21 58
Monmouth	18 00				46 50											64 50
Monongahela					50							1 50	5 00			7 00
Omaha	24 00				23 00											47 00
Philadelphia	14 56						10 00			156 97						181 23
Rock Island		10 00														10 00
Wheeling	123 51		30 50		108 81											262 82
Mrs. R. Eliza Adams	5 00						5 00									10 00
Total	$320 53	$30 00	$77 08	$5 00	$407 90	$12 00	$70 60	$24 18	$12 00	$156 67	$3 69	$8 70	$22 00	$45 00		1,256 29

DIVISION OF THANK-OFFERING OF 1898.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Tuesday, June 7th, 1898, the Thank offering was divided, after the designations $1,256.29 were reducted from the whole amount, $17,914.82, as follows:

$5,000.00 to Foreign Missions.
3,329.27 to Home Missions.
5,009.00 to Freedmen's Missions.
3,329.26 to Church Extension and Parsonage.

Report of Thank-Offering Committee, Women's General Missionary Society, Cleveland, Ohio, May 11, 1898.

Albany	$ 50 00	New York	295 15
Allegheny	1,868 33	North Platte, one society	14 00
Argyle	341 27	Ohio First	350 91
Arkansas Valley	111 00	Omaha	177 44
Beaver Valley	616 50	Oregon	88 00
Big Spring	153 50	Pawnee	67 39
Boston, one society	150 00	Philadelphia	512 10
Brookville	78 50	Pittsburgh	13 00
Butler	285 13	Princeton	209 45
Caledonia	273 28	Rock Island	149 97
Cedar Rapids	275 15	San Francisco	155 15
Chartiers	728 00	Sidney	219 04
Chicago	276 15	Spokane	52 00
Chillicothe	133 29	Stamford, one Society	25 00
Cleveland	67 05	Steubenville	345 29
College Springs	412 74	Tennessee, Miller's Ferry	10 55
Colorado	212 46	Vermont, one Society	22 00
Concordia, one society	5 00	Westmoreland	1,065 64
Conemaugh	208 21	Wheeling	366 07
Delaware	316 00	Wisconsin, one Society	67 10
Des Moines	267 90	Xenia	586 00
Detroit	29 00	Mrs. R. Eliza Adams	10 00
Frankfort	48 59	Thyne Institute, Chase City	12 28
Garnett	101 00	Dr. and Mrs. Moore, Thyne Institute	20 00
Illinois Central	151 50	Henderson Mission, N. C.	7 50
Illinois Southern	211 54	Bluestone Mission, Va.	4 13
Indiana	185 85	A Friend, Garrettsville	4 00
Indiana Northern	30 00	A Friend, Cleveland, O	1 00
Kansas City	151 19	Mrs. Pollock	1 00
Keokuk	443 44	Found	25
Lake	317 16	Gratitude	1 00
Le Claire	159 83	Forgotten	1 00
Los Angeles	142 25	Unknown	1 25
Mansfield	135 89		
Mercer	344 37	Total	$17,914 00
Monmouth	432 47		
Monongahela	3,022 60		
Muskingum	478 02		

Respectiully submitted,
E. J. SLOAN, Chairman.

At the Corporation meeting it was decided that the headings should be changed, as foliows:

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Corresponding Secretary Junior Work ..... Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson
Corresponding Secretary Ch. Ex. & Par., Mrs. G. W. MacDonald.
Corresponding Secretary Thank-offering, Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter.
Corresponding Secretary Literature, ... Mrs. Jas. A. Grier.

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Mrs. Ella J. Buchanan ..... 1st Vice President.
Mrs. J. R. Logue ..... 2nd Vice President.

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Mrs. R. J. Blevins, Mrs. T. W. Winter, Mrs. W. N. Aiken and Mrs. James Davidson.

MARY W. PORTER.

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

MONSOURAH, EGYPT,
May 24, 1898.

MY DEAR SISTERS:—April 8th was a gala day for many a little Egyptian miss in the Mousourah girls' school. For days and days the songs had been rehearsed, and the stiff little feet and hands had been trained to stay in certain positions, and when they insisted on getting into other places, many a time the teachers' faces assumed careworn, hopeless expressions, and even the little ones themselves almost concluded that such rehearsals did not pay.

One by one all the little puzzles and queries and problems that came up were settled, and the morning of April eighth dawned bright and clear and sunshiny, just as we expected it to do in Egypt; and all the girls from the oldest to the youngest were present bright and early, with beaming, clean faces, and well-combed hair.

No wonder it was a great day, for it was the first commencement day that the girls of Monsurah had ever known. Miss Finney had promised an Arabic diploma to girls finishing a certain course in Arabic and English, and an additional English certificate to any taking a higher course in English. Two Jewesses and one Moslem girl finished the Arabic course, and one of the Jewesses also completed the advanced English course. These girls were publicly examined in various branches in Arabic and English, amid the loud applause of the large audience, composed of people of all classes and creeds.

Each girl gave an essay in Arabic and a recitation in English. The readers of the MAGAZINE would all have been interested to have heard from the lips of these young girls the familiar lines: "I'm to be Queen of the May, mother," and "I stood on the bridge at midnight, while the clock was striking the hour," and "Tell me not in mournful numbers life is but an empty dream."

While you would not have understood the discourses on "Sciences," "Customs of the Egyptians in times of Joy and Sorrow," and "The means which make our country prosperous," delivered in high and flowing Arabic, yet if you could have been present you would have been pleased to see with what rapt attention the audience listened to these discourses, and with what hearty applause they were greeted.

The whole school appeared on the platform at the beginning of the exercises, while a psalm was sung and a prayer was offered by the native pastor. The older girls appeared at various intervals in different exercises and songs. At the close of the program, Mr. Finney, in a very fitting address, presented the diplomas to the graduates, giving them wise words of counsel, which no doubt gave them and all present newer and higher ideals of womanhood.

The sewing and fancy work done during the year were on exhibit, and were examined by gentlemen as well as ladies. A dear old Scotch lady, who is ever interested in our work, had some time previous to this offered a prize of a workbasket containing scissors and thimble to the girl doing the neatest plain sewing. This proved quite a stimulus to the girls, and many brought forth good specimens of this most useful kind of needlework.

The parents and friends of the girls expressed their gratification for the efforts being made to educate their daughters. Many men in high official positions who, though differing radically from us religiously, and opposing our Christian teaching, yet recognize the

elevating effects of our school work and express their appreciation.

A prominent Moslem judge who was invited to attend the entertainment, being out of the city, sent his regrets to Miss Finney in the following note:

"DEAR MADAM:—I wish to thank you very much for your kind invitation, and I assure you I regret greatly that I have not been able to be present at your reunion. I hope, *inshalla* (If God will), that on the next occasion I may not lose the pleasure of attending, to applaud the efforts, so estimable and fruitful, which, with such self-sacrifice, you make to spread the benefits of education in our country. I am, Madame, with great respect, Your obedient servant.

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Many more girls are looking forward to the time when they too shall take diplomas. This is very encouraging, not only because by remaining in school they will receive a more thorough education, but because they will remain under Gospel influences longer, and learn to know Him whom to know is life everlasting. Your sister,

ANNA P. WHITE.

FOREIGN NEWS BUDGET.

Egypt.

Mrs. E. N. Giffen, of Cairo, under the date of May 6, 1898, writes to the "Dear ones at home:"

When our last month's news was sent off, we were very anxious about Mrs. Watson, who was then very seriously ill in the German Hospital here in Cairo. Several times her recovery was almost hopeless. Special prayer was offered on her behalf at our Thursday evening prayer-meeting, and from that time she began to improve, and on last Saturday they sailed for America, where we hope she may soon regain her strength and be able to return to us in the early fall. Several times mention has been made of Ralph Henry's illness, and he is still a sick baby. Two weeks ago Mrs. Henry brought him down here for a change, and he has improved a great deal. To-night they return to Asyut. All the missionaries are in usnal health and the work moves steadily on. The new Mohammedan convert is able to carry on the work in his shop unmolested, and he gives evidence of sincerity in the profession he has made. He has had several interesting controversies with his Mohammedan friends, and may we not hope that they, through him, may be led into the light.

Doubtless before this the friends in Egypt have learned of Mrs. Watson's improvement during the ocean voyage home, and under the stimulating tonic of again being with her sons, she now looks scarce a day older than when she went back to Egypt nine years ago.

Mrs. H. M. Harvey gives an interesting temperance incident:

All Christians, and especially total abstainers, will be interested in the following, copied from a letter from the Soudan:

"A new departure in catering for the army, not entirely appreciated by the soldiers, has been successfully tried and most severely tested by Major Gen. Galacie with his British brigade in the Soudan. The exclusion of everything of an intoxicating nature from the British camp was at first considerably grumbled at, and not until the late forced march from Aboo Dis to Berber were the sustaining effects of hot tea properly appreciated. The wisdom of this course was, however, thoroughly justified on that march, and even the most confirmed tippler will admit that hot tea is a much better stimulant than beer spirits." The letter is long, telling of the different marches and stoppings, but I will only give one man's paragraph.

"Though I am by no means a rabid teetotaler, still it is very satisfactory to notice the staying powers of the troops and the absence of sickness, which I attribute wholly to their excellent training and their present beverage, and I can safely say without fear of contradiction that for endurance, hardiness and general physical excellence, you will not find a better body of men than this tea-drinking British brigade in the Soudan."

Mrs. Jeanette McClanahan answers the question, "Do foreign missions pay?"

As our steamer drew up to the dock at Alexandria last November, we asked ourselves whether we could ever become accustomed to the new life before us, for we heard only strange sounds and saw strange sights upon landing, but we soon felt at home after reaching the mission house. The missionaries at Alexandria gave us a most welcome greeting, which greeting was repeated at Cairo and Asyut.

The question, "Do missions pay?" is often asked: It is impossible to realize how well they pay until one sees the result of them, as it has been our privilege to see since we came here. I have wished many times that every United Presbyterian could visit this field. It is interesting to read what is being done to change the life of these people; but to see the crowded schools and earnest attentive listeners to the Word as it is preached by our missionaries and native ministers, to hear the voices of the seven hundred and more boys and girls as they sing the Psalms in the preaching services, Sabbath-school and at chapel, is quite another thing, and, to me, has been most inspiring.

Our hearts were again made glad as we called at a native home—a real home—and were shown through a thoroughly clean, well-kept house from kitchen to drawing-room. It is needless to add

that the husband and wife had been educated in our schools, and had there learned the virtue of cleanliness. We called at Dr. Henry's clinic one day and were again encouraged by seeing two rooms crowded with patients waiting to see him. In each room a Bible-reader was explaining the scripture, as he does every day to attentive listeners. While there the doctor examined a very bad case of skin disease. The man was a perfect Lazarus, but bad as was his condition when admitted to the hospital, in less than two weeks he went home apparently cured, and we trust seed had been sown in his heart which will bring forth fruit.

Over twenty students have asked to be admitted to the church at communion two weeks from Sabbath.

All departments of the work seem to be in a healthy growing condition. Our hearts sink when we hear that the estimates must be cut several thousand this year. We are praying that the Lord will put it into the hearts of the people to give more liberally of their means, so that this great work may be carried on.

Mrs. White, of Monsourah, further tells of the good results of mission work:

The fruits of mission work cannot be judged wholly from the immediate results as indicated by the number of church members. There are, no doubt, many disciples "secretly for fear," not only of Jews but Mohammedans and Copts. I have just heard of a former Asyut student who is now in the Egyptian railway employ, who was seen one day sitting in the train diligently reading his Bible. A good Christian man saw him and began talking with him on spiritual things. The young man said, "I am so busy with my duties that I have very little time for reading my Bible, so I just carry it in my pocket and read in it whenever I have an opportunity." In all our mission schools, boys and girls are taught the truth daily, which, according to the promise, "My word shall not return unto me void," will eventually bear fruit."

Mr. White was visiting one of the village schools in Monsourah district this week. A class of ten boys each gave the names of all the chapters of the Gospel by Matthew and an outline of the contents of each chapter. Who can estimate the results of such teaching?

India.

Mrs. A. B. Caldwell, writing from Sialkot, April 19th, 1898. says:

The Women's Presbyterial met in Sialkot on the 7th and 8th of this month, and we had a good meeting. Most of the delegates were former students in the girls' school, and they enjoyed seeing their teacher, Miss McCahon, again, and attending the meetings held in the chapel where they had so often gathered in earlier days. We missed the presence of the esteemed Miss Gordon, who could not, on account of poor health, attend at that time, but we hope to have her at the next meeting. Her presence and counsel is worth a great deal to all of us. An account of the Presbyterial will probably be sent you.

The work is going on in all of the stations, and though the weather is beginning to get warm every one seems to have a lot of work planned for the summer and is trying to execute it. We hear that the new missionaries who began their work in the fall are making good progress and able to take full work.

The boys of the Training Institute did very well in the inspectors examination this year, and out of the 17 boys who went up for the middle school examination, 16 passed. One failed in English. He is a good student in all of his other branches, but he does not seem able to get English.

Misses Fulton and Young have kindly contributed to the Budget this month and I take pleasure in submitting their contributions.

Miss Susie Young writes of Bible-school:

Summer Bible-school is the watchword of Zafarwal station this month. Everything else gives place to this for the time. As you all know, it has become an established custom in most of our districts to gather in the workers and their wives for a month of Bible study, prayer and conference.

Our school opened with a week of devotional meetings. Pastor Ghandu Mul, of Rawal Pindi, was with us at that time. His earnest, heart-searching messages were eagerly listened to by all, and proved a blessing. The services closed with a most refreshing communion service last Sabbath. These meetings prepared us for the work of the following month, as well as proved means in themselves in bringing us nearer to God.

During the week we had with us three of the Scotch mission friends. Twice we had the pleasure of hearing the Word from one of these, Rev. Scott, of Daska.

The regular work of the school began on Monday. Three classes have been formed. Mr. Anderson has a class of about thirty-five men. He is teaching Luke's Gospel and The Epistle to the Romans. Mrs. Anderson has a class of ten women who can read, and Miss Martin has those who are learning to read and the illiterate. These number fifteen. The women are studying the Gospel by Luke. These classes meet in the forenoon. At half after five all meet in the church for conferences. In these conferences, practical subjects, such as the Sabbath, the tithe and temperance are discussed. The topics are assigned in advance and two persons appointed to prepare short addresses and open the discussion. After this opportunity is given to any who wish to speak on the subject. The workers manifest a ready spirit in discussing these topics, and the freedom they show in asking questions and expressing ideas affords opportunity to give needed instruction and correct errors.

We hope during the month to have other missionaries with us who will address the workers.

The missionaries who are instructing are greatly encouraged because many in the classes are diligently seeking to know and understand the Word. We are thankful for this, and we trust all may be richly blessed because of this month spent with God in Bible study and prayer. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

We, with you and many others all over the world, mourn the loss of our great temperance leader. It was our privilege to honor her by holding a memorial service. The word did not come in time for us to arrange for this on the appointed day, so it was held the following Thursday instead of the weekly prayer-meeting. The prepared program consisted of readings on temperance topics; a recitation setting forth the evils of intoxicants, tobacco and opium; a paper written by a young Hindu inquirer, and a sketch of Miss Willard's life and work. After this Elder Kanaya told the story of two young men of this place. In its details the story was like hundreds we have heard and read. One led a dissipated life, lost his property, and the children are beggars. The other, through industry and application, acquired an education and now is rich and influential. How every repetition of such incidents leads us to see how worldwide sin and evil are, and how it behooves us all to arm ourselves to fight them. I used to think temperance was becoming a practical issue here. Now I know it is, and has been such for years, even in this remote place as well as in the centers where the influence of so-called civilization is more directly felt.

Greetings to all the MAGAZINE readers, especially those whom I know personally and remember kindly, whose prayers ascend constantly for me and my work for God.

Miss Edith M. Fulton writes of Lyallpur:

On my way home from our Women's Presbyterial missionary meeting I am spending a few days at my old home at Lyallpur. Many changes have taken place—the most noticeable of which is the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Martin and the boys. Services, too, are now being held in the new bookroom, instead of the verandah of the mission house. Mr. Crowe is able to preach in Urdu, and does exceedingly well in using the language. There has been some improvement, too, among the Christians which makes one's heart glad.

I visited a heathen village this morning with Misses Spencer and Hill, where the people are the aborigines of this desert-like country. What a hearty welcome they gave! We saw very few people when we drove up to the house of the head man, but the women and children soon began to come till the room was crowded and there was no more room about the door. One woman told about Jesus feeding the five thousand, which Miss Hill had read on a former visit nearly six years ago. This was only the second time the ladies had visited this village, and of course the women were very proud to have some white people visit them They listened very attentively to the reading of the Word, and we trust that they may remain interested in it. As we were driving away they called us to wait, and a very old woman supported by two of her friends came out to the cart to make her "salaam."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Junior Hour "with the Little Tots."

Subject, "Protestant Missions in Europe."

1. Open the meeting with a prayer.

2. Some child who speaks well, commit and recite Ps. 139, L. M., verses 4-8, 15.

3. Leader tell the story of Jonah 1, 2; then read Jonah 3rd chapter.

4. Sing B. S., 137:25,26.

5. Prayers by the Juniors.

6. Responsive reading.

Leader.—Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.—Matt. 28:19,20.

Junior.—Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters.—Is. 32:20.

Leader.—How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent.—Rom. 10:15.

Junior.—I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Then said I, "Here am I, send me."—Is. 6:8.

Leader.—Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest.—Jno. 4:35.

Junior.—The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.—Matt. 9:37.

Leader.—The field is the world.—Matt. 13:38.

Junior.—The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.—Is. 9:9.

Leader.—In due season ye shall reap if ye faint not.—Gal. 6:9.

Junior.—As the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing where unto I sent it.—Is. 55:10,11.

Leader.—With God all things are possible.—Matt. 19:26.

7. Leader or some one sing as a solo, B. S. 13:2-4.

8. (a) What does "Protestant Missions in Europe" mean?

It means teaching the Bible with its story of Jesus as we know it, to people living in Europe, who either have never heard of these things or who have heard and will not believe, or those who have been taught to believe strange and wicked things that are not in the Bible.

(b) How many countries in Europe? (Number and name them.)

(c) Which are Protestant countries?

England, Scotland, Denmark, Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland and Norway and Sweden.

(d) Do we mean that all the people in

these eight countries are good people, and that all the people who live in the rest of Europe are heathen?

No, that is not the way. We mean that these eight nations or countries claim to be Protestant nations like ours. The Protestant religion is their prevailing religion, and most of their people read the same Bible we read, and believe about the same things we believe.

What is the religion of the other nations of Europe?

The other nations have also a religion which most of their people believe. They know about and worship one God. They know something of the Bible and of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, but they have images, and many worship them. They pray to the spirits of good men and women who are dead.

Sing B. S., 165:2,3.

(e) What do we mean by the Protestant religion? (Let the Leader explain.)

(f) What are the people called to whom our missionaries go in Europe?

I shall mention only three kinds of people: the Roman Catholics; the Jews; and the city slums.

(g) Where do these people live?

They are scattered everywhere, but some of the nations claim to be nearly all Roman Catholics. These are Austria, Belgium, France, Italy, Spain and Portugal.

The Catholics hate the Jews, and have driven them out of their countries many times. Large numbers of Jews are in Russia and Turkey, but nobody likes them or wants them to live with them.

Ask your leader why.

The Jew is very slow to change his religion. One man said, "It takes from 500 to 1000 pounds to convert one Jew." He meant missions to the Jews cost much money, and few of them are saved. Jesus was a Jew; so was Paul. God loves the wayward and rebellious Jews because they were once His chosen and favored people. He is pleased when we try to convert them.

Read Acts 18:24-28 about a Jew that when he was converted, made a splendid missionary himself.

The city slums in Europe are very much worse than they are in America.

Little children like the stories told of these missions.

When these people hear of Jesus they are the quickest to believe and love Him, because Jesus knew and said that the poor and the lowly always would. They are not proud.

(h) Do all the nations of Europe speak one language as all our states do?

No; almost every nation has a language different from all others.

(i) How can they read our Bible then?

The Bible is printed in every language of Europe, and everyone can easily have a Bible in his or her own language.

Why do they not have one?

Roman Catholics in Europe do not allow their members to own or to read the Bible; the Jews have the Old Testament, but they will not have the New Testament, and the very poor never heard of it, or are too wicked to want it.

(j) How does the missionary work among these people?

To the Jews, he takes the Old Testament, which they do believe, and preaches Jesus. When he preaches to the poor he goes, and lives, and eats, and sleeps among them, as Jesus did when he came from heaven to this earth. He tries to really love these dreadful people, and to make them know he does. Then he tells them of Jesus. To the Catholics he simply sells or gives a Bible.

Sing B. S. 22:5.

These Roman Catholics are cruel, and often persecute and kill the missionaries. They have killed more Protestants because they *are* Protestants, and more missionaries, than all the world besides. Romanism is a greater obstacle to the gospel than paganism itself.

Have some one read or recite J. G. Whittier's beautiful poem, "The Vandois Teacher."

(It is said the missionary pretends sometimes to be a peddler, so that he can get into Catholic homes and give or sell a Bible. This man in the poem is selling silks and jewels.)

To the Leaders of the Junior Missionary Societies:

Very instructive readings or papers could be presented in societies when the children are old enough to write and ap-

preciate them on such topics as:

"The Beliefs of the Romish Church."

"The Inquisition of Spain."

"The McAll Mission in France."

"The Jews in Europe" etc. etc.

An excellent description of the McAll mission can be found in the October and November numbers (1895) of "The Treasury of Religious Thought" (New York.)

I believe the August number every year of the "Missionary Review of the World" is largely devoted to "Protestant Missions in Europe." All these topics are found presented in history.

Princeton, Ind. MRS. A. M. CAMPBELL.

EDITORIAL.

The charming picture of "The Gleaners" is the work of a celebrated French artist. Gleaning always calls to mind the beautiful story of Ruth, and well might Voltaire pronounce a eulogy on this book of the Bible, for as a sweet picture of pastoral life in any age or country, as a tender case of filial devotion, and a true type of religious heroism, it stands unsurpassed. It seems appropriate that "The Gleaners" should head this July number of the MAGAZINE, containing as it does the minutes of the General Missionary Society, the "gleanings" of the women of our church for the past year; and when they are read may it not be with cold and critical eye, but with senses warm and throbbing to this sketch of the work of the great Kinsman Redeemer as carried on in the close of the nineteenth century of the Christian era.

It is an inspiriting sight at this time of commencements galore, to see so many fine classes of young men and women stepping from academy, high school seminary and college, out on the world's great campus, well furnished for good work along many an honorable line. Never, in the history of the world, has a nation turned out so many finely educated youth from its schools as our country is now doing—we think this statement can be made without the fear of successful contradiction. No wonder the great public is interested in graduating exercises, sparkling, like fire-flies on a June night, with thought, oratory, music, flowers, and sweet faces and dresses. And back of all this smiling exterior is the fact that it has taken years of work to come to this hour; that to be of practical value this learning must be put to use in the world's great work-shop; and that Christian education is a foundation stone of our great republic. In a recent address, Booker T. Washington struck the key note in regard to education, when he urged putting knowledge into use in the affairs of every day life, and making brain lead, guide, and help brawn. And in order to do this people must put their minds to work; they must think. There is plenty of activity, but not enough of thought. The two should go hand in hand, and over and above all should be the mind of the Great Teacher.

The war with Spain seems likely to demonstrate several things in the course of its progress. The recent act of Lieut Hobson and his braves in sinking the Merrimac to obstruct the Santiago channel, shows that chivalry and knighthood have not vanished from this mundane sphere. The burning of his bridges behind him has ever been quoted in Caesar's honor, and rightly so; but think of sinking your ships under your feet and stepping out on the briny deep! Peter found it no easy thing to tread on the blue waters of Galilee with the divine Master in reaching distance; but

Hobson committed himself to ocean waves, right in the teeth of the guns of a thwarted enemy, and a kind Providence watched over the little crew, brought it safely through awful danger and gave it favor in sight of the Spanish Admiral.

Programme for August.

Subject, "Protestant Missions in Europe."
Singing, Bible Songs No. 65:1,4 verses.
Sentence Prayers, closed by President.
Scripture Reading, Philippians 2:1,13 verses.
Singing, Bible Songs No. 50:3,4.
Papers of 6 or 7 minutes length on "Missionary Work in Europe under care of the British Protestants." "Missionary Work in Europe under care of the American Protestants." "The Aid of Christian Literature."
Roll Call; responded to by an item of missionary news.
Business. Close by singing Bible Songs No. 205, 6 verses, and prayer.
Reference Book, "McClintock and Strong's Cyclopædia of Biblical, Theological and Ecclesiastical Literature."

MRS. T. C. ATCHISON, Carnegie, Pa.

Patterson—McCormick—Reed---Watson.

The Women's Missionary Society of Blairsville, Pa., desires to offer a tribute of love and respect to the memory of four of its most faithful members: Mrs. Mary Ann Patterson, Mrs. Jane McCormick, Mrs. Jane Reed and Mrs. Ann Watson, who have gone from us the past year. Their work among us and for the Master's cause being finished, they have heard His voice saying unto them, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." The society recognizes that in them it has lost those who were willing helpers, and though they are gone their works still live and their influence broadens, and we are willing and able to say "Thy will be done."

We commend the bereaved families to the care of the loving Father who has given them the promise "Lo, I am with you alway."

MRS. J. A. MILLER,
MRS. ALBERT TORRENCE,
MISS EMMA K. MCCLURE. } COM.

Mrs. Flora Glenn Fleming.

God, in His allwise Providence, has suddenly removed from our midst to her heavenly home, Jan. 19th, 1898, Mrs. Flora Glenn Fleming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Glenn, and wife of Wm. F. Fleming, in the 33rd year of her age, she being an honored member of the L. M. S. of the United Presbyterian Church of Living Lake, Iowa. We offer the following tribute to her memory:

As a society, we feel we have lost a cheerful, willing and untiring worker, one who was always interested in whatever pertained to the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. She endeared herself to all by her beautiful Christian life, and was a woman of excellent judgment; and being humble and free from ostentation gave her a place in the hearts of all who knew her. A few days previous to her death, her mother met with a serious accident, which caused such intense suffering that for a time her life was despaired of, which made it doubly sad in the parental home. Mrs. Fleming's illness lasted but a few days, during which time her suffering was great. But she was conscious to the last, was enabled through God's grace and strength to talk with her loving and devoted husband and dear sisters, watching by her bedside; to give them words of comfort and consolation, and to instruct them in regard to the teaching and training of the infant daughter she was about to leave motherless. She gave many expressions of the love, joy and peace that was awaiting her in the new Jerusalem. While our hearts are made sad, we feel that what is loss to us is gain to her, for surely the work of grace was complete in such a happy and triumphant death. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband, parents, brothers and sisters.

MRS. HUGH MCCAUSLAND,
MRS. M. P. WATSON,
MISS MAZIE STEWART. } COM.

Mrs. Mary Hastings.

A tribute of respect from the W. M. S. of the Sixth U. P. church, Pittsburgh.

It has pleased God in His providence to remove from us the oldest member of our society, Mrs. Mary H. Hastings. Owing to feeble health she was unable to attend in person our society meetings, but was ever with us in spirit, and by sending her offerings showed that her heart was in the work. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." To her daughters we extend our sincere sympathy and commit them to the care of our Saviour, who said, "I will not leave you comfortless." COM.

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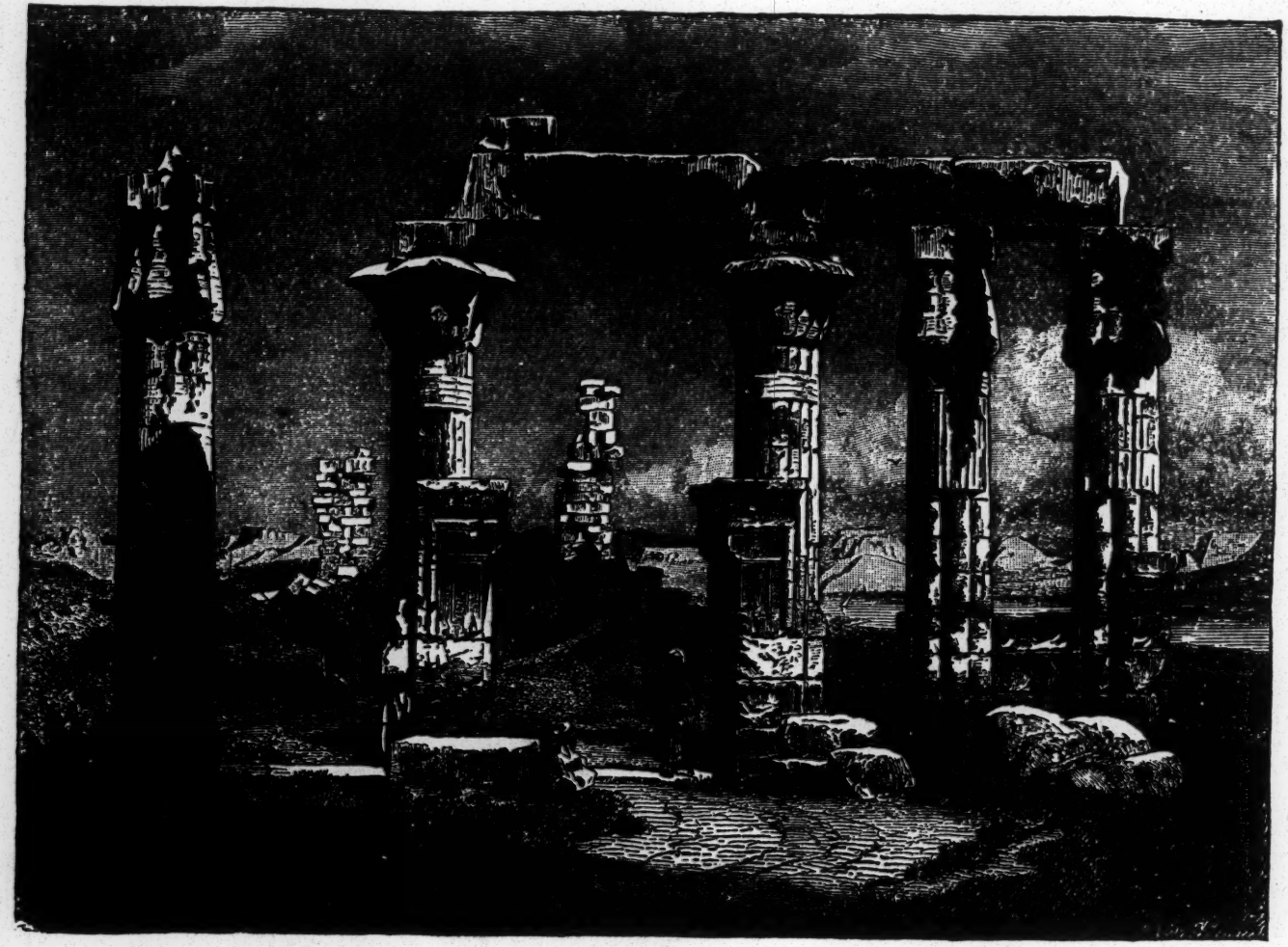

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